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# Amtrak Station Relocation to Freighthouse Square

## Design Development

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Public Meeting  
October 30, 2014



Washington State  
Department of Transportation

# Cascades High Speed Rail Program



# Project Timeline

## 2012

- Obtained ARRA funding and initiated agreements
- Performed station relocation study

## 2013

- Initiated concept development
- Coordination with Amtrak, Sound Transit and City of Tacoma's Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

## 2014

- Continued concept development
- Performed operational assessments
- Selected preferred station location
- Conducted public outreach
- Completed concept development
- Completed station functional design
- Perform Preliminary Engineering

## 2015

- Perform Final Design
- Property acquisition
- Secure agreements and permits
- Advertise for construction

## 2016

Initiate construction

## 2017

Complete construction

- Public meetings
- Public hearings
- Letters from citizens
- Tacoma's Citizens Advisory Committee Meetings (CAC)
- CAC integration on WSDOT Design Team
- One-on-one meetings with Officials
- Collaboration between City and WSDOT Design Teams
- WSDOT on-line survey



# Citizens Advisory Committee Input

- Committee meetings and discussions over 10 months
- Shared guidelines
- One-on-one discussions

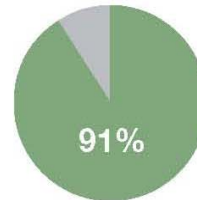




# WSDOT On-line Survey



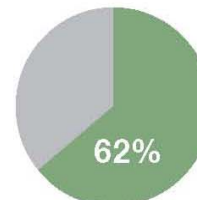
**91%**  
have ridden Amtrak  
Cascades train



Nearly 200 people responded and  
most people favored:

- Open space/lots of light/feeling of safety
- Larger windows
- Reference to historical station

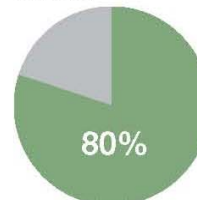
**62%**  
have ridden Amtrak  
Cascades train in  
the past year



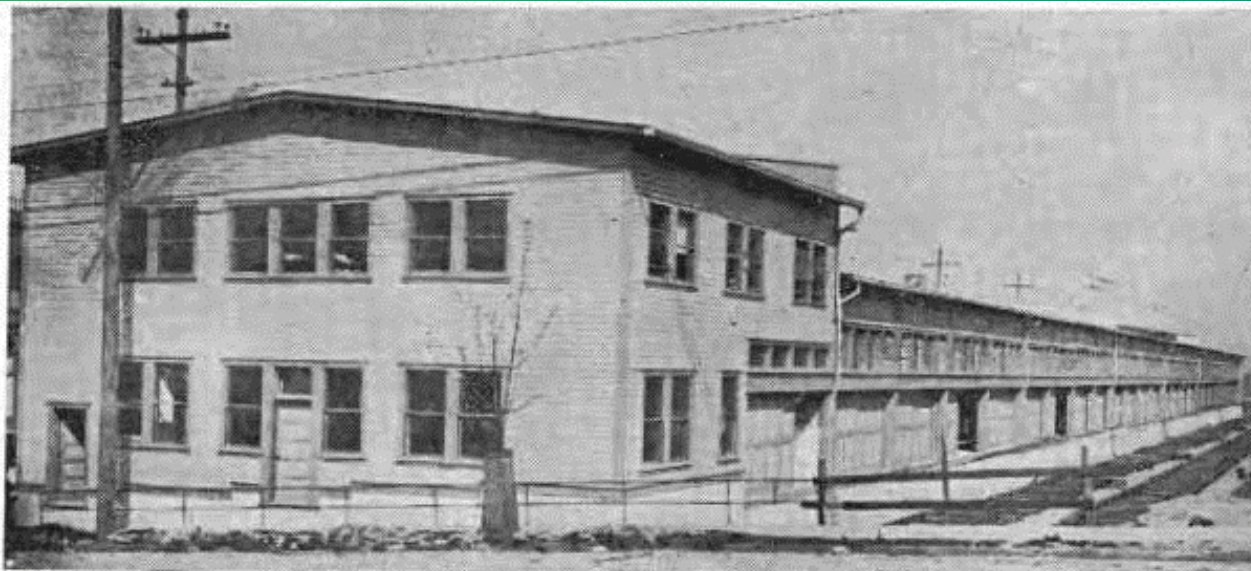
Other common comments:

- Should be open and inviting
- Must be clear that it's a station entrance
- Potential to be a Tacoma economic hub

**80%**  
have used existing  
Tacoma Amtrak  
station



# Freighthouse Square – a Community Treasure



Amtrak: Freighthouse Square Station Design

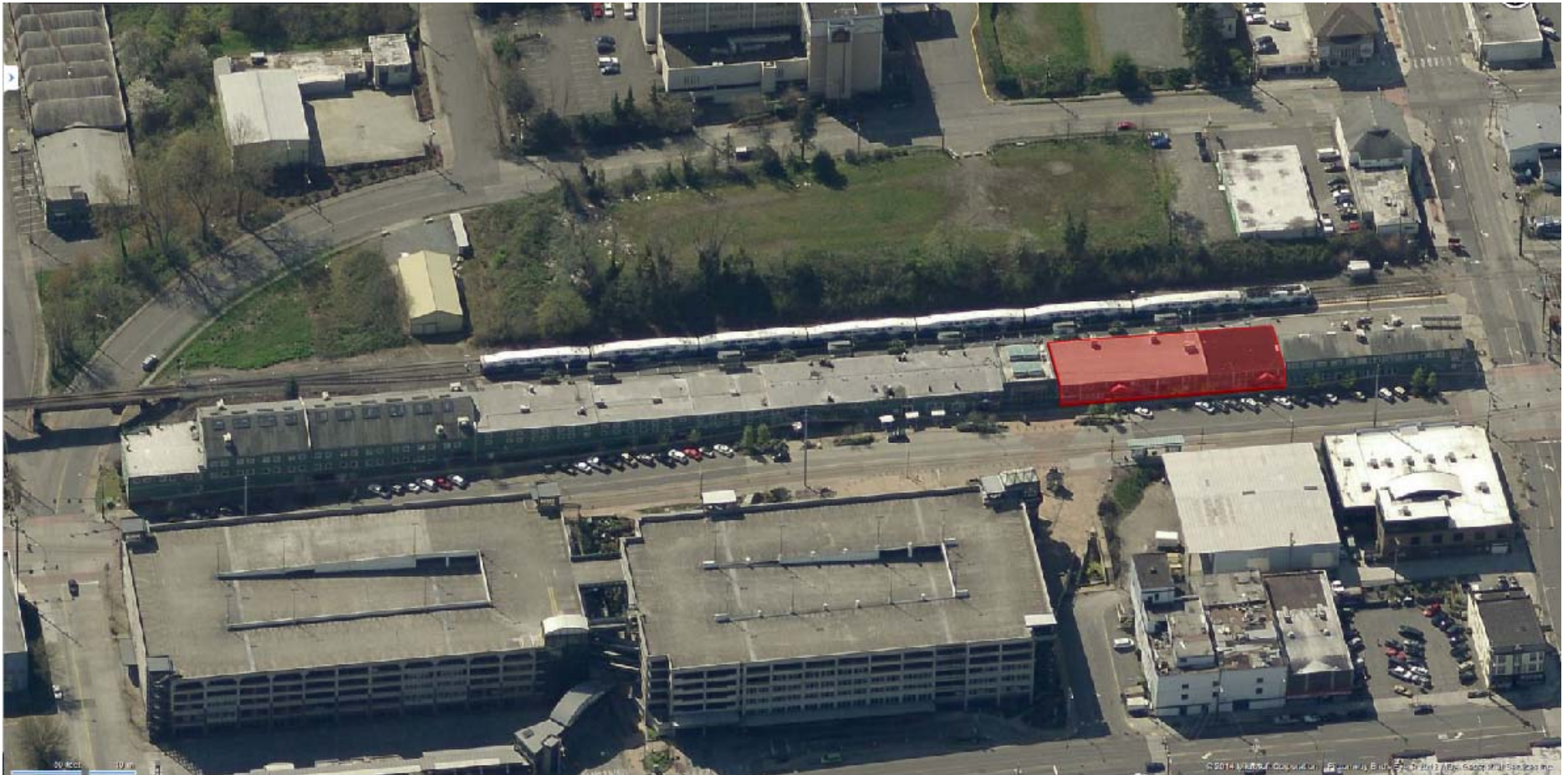


# Freighthouse Square within the Dome District





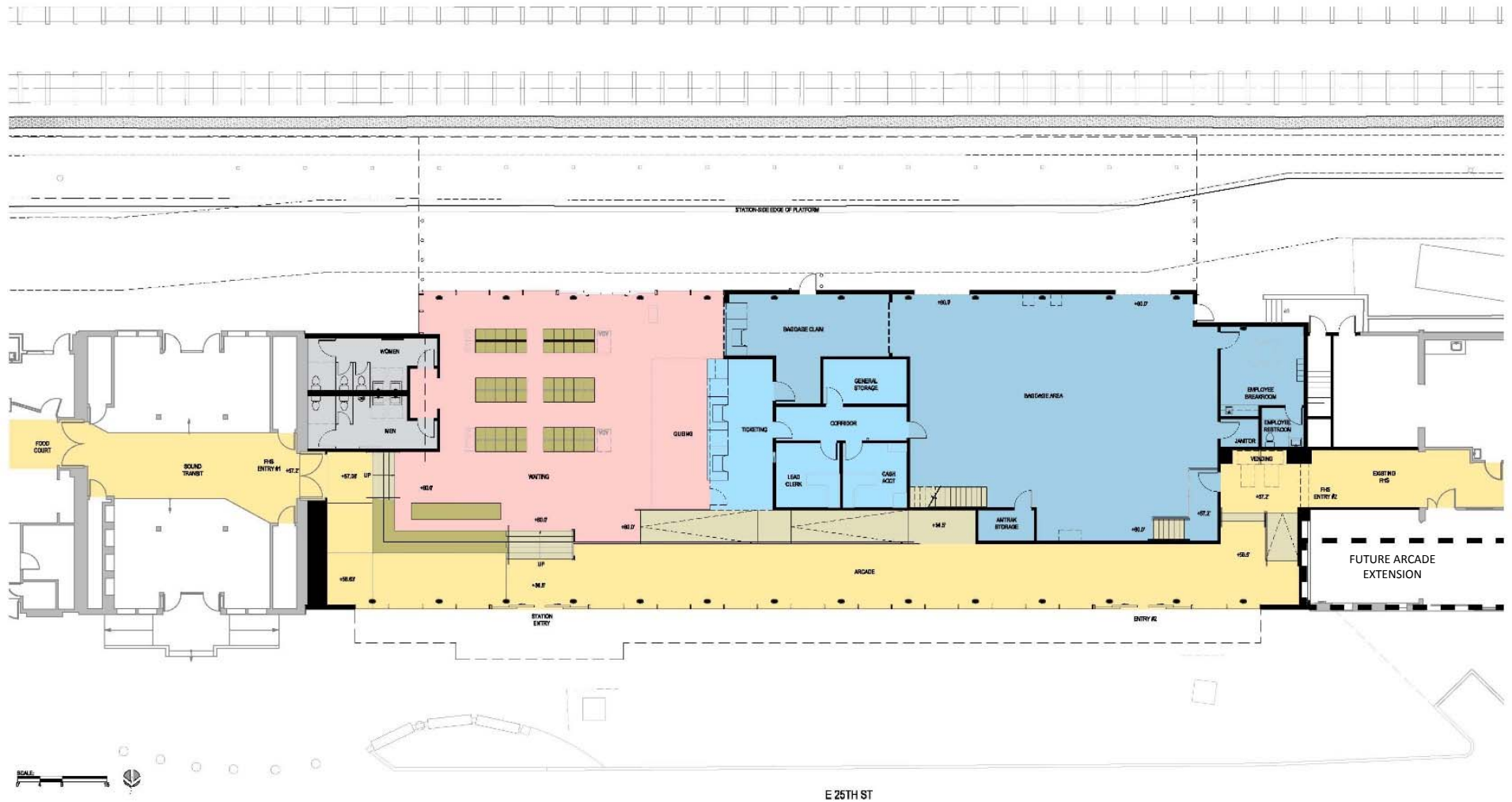
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# Functional Layout of Station





- **An extended north face concourse / arcade to the east and west of the station**
- **Parapet heights that relate to the scale of the Sounder station or the west portion of Freighthouse Square**
- **Operable exterior doors/canopies along East 25th Street**
- **Clerestory glazing along East 25th Street**
- **Interior disabled access ramps / arcade**
- **A clock tower visible from East 25th Street and the south platform**
- **Allow for a grade-separated walkway with elevator and stair connections**
- **Traffic calming on East 25th Street**

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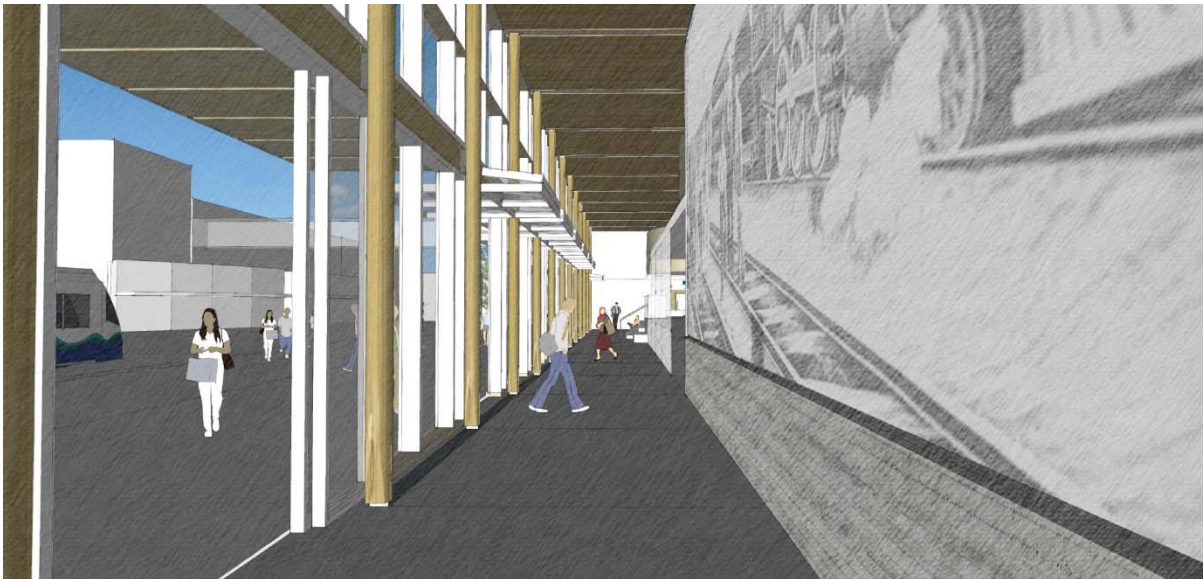




# Interior Arcade



Arcade looking east



Arcade looking west

# City of Tacoma's FHS-Area Conceptual Master Plan





# MEET WITH PROJECT TEAM AT BOARDS

